

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.0775 Ha of Forest Land (**FP/TG/OTHERS/463947/2024**) for LWE Phase-II Projects falling in Achampet for Construction of Mobile Towers including approach road under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of Mobile Services at Amaragiri (V), Kollapur (M), Achampet Forest Division. Nagarkurnool District, Telangana, in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited. - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 54

Dated: 10-06-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Rc.No.FC3/FC15/11/2024-FCA,Dt:08.04.2024.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.1763/For.I(1)/2024, dt:02-05-2024.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.08.08.2024.
- 4.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.G., Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/11/2024-FCA Section, Dt.16.12.2024.
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.1763/For.I(1)/2024, Dt.02.01.2025.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., dt.22.01.2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 0.0775 Ha of Forest Land (**FP/TG/OTHERS/463947/2024**) for LWE Phase-II Projects falling in Achampet for Construction of Mobile Towers including approach road under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of Mobile Services at Amaragiri (V), Kollapur (M), Achampet Forest Division. Nagarkurnool District, Telangana, in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the said proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal (**FP/TG/OTHERS/463947/2024**) under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.0775 Ha of Forest Land for LWE Phase-II Projects falling in Achampet for Construction of Mobile Towers including approach road under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of Mobile Services at Amaragiri (V), Kollapur (M), Achampet Forest Division. Nagarkurnool District, Telangana, in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

1.2	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.4	The State Government shall realize the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the guidelines given in Chapter – 3 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued by the Ministry in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 in the matter of T. N. Godavarman Thirumalpad vs. Union of India;
1.5	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.6	Compensatory levies, to be realized from the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of forest land, shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module (https://parivesh.nic.in/) of PARIVESH, into the concerned account of State/UT CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);
1.7	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.8	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.9	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
1.10	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.11	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.12	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.13	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.14	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
1.15	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.16	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;

1.17	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.18	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
1.19	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars at an interval of 20 meter, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
1.20	The User Agency shall obtain necessary approval from the competent authority as per the provisions of the Eco Sensitive Zone notification, if required

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.
3.2	State Government shall raise 200 plants at the cost of User Agency in degraded forest land of 0.25 ha identified at Compt No. 448 of Kollapur RF Amaragiri/448/Kollapur RF VIII YELLUR, Nagarkurnool Division as per provision of FC Rule, 2023 and guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time.
3.3	Approval for approach road shall be considered as temporary diversion, as the approach road is required only during execution of work. Forest area diverted for road shall be rejuvenated into the forest after the execution of work

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Telangana, Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER